

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Newburg Crossroads Survey District (CH: 571)
Crain Highway, Rock Point Road, and Mount Victoria Road
Charles County, Maryland

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name Newburg Crossroads Survey District

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2. Location

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street & number 12190 and 12095 Crain Highway, 12190, 12155 and 12165 Rock Point Road, and 10360 Mount Victoria Road

not for publication _____ city or town Newburg vicinity X

state Maryland code MD county Charles code 17 zip code _____

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Restaurant</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Department Store</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Specialty Store</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Department Store</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Restaurant</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>Post Office</u>
<u>VACANT/NOT IN USE</u>	

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Colonial Revival

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid

Roof Gable: Asphalt Shingle, Standing Seam Metal
Hipped: Pressed Shingle

Walls Masonry: Brick Stretcher Bond
Frame: Wood German Siding, Aluminum Siding

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community Planning and Development

Commerce

Period of Significance 1880-1950

Significant Dates c. 1880

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property approximately ten acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The properties at 12190, 12155, and 12165 Rock Point Road, 12190 Crain Highway, and 10360 Mount Victoria Road are designated as Parcels 70, 60, 179, 146, and 68, Grid 11 on Map 79. The property at 12095 Crain Highway is at Parcel 160, Grid 10 on Map 79.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The buildings at Newburg Crossroads have historically been associated with Parcels 70, 60, 160, 179, 146, & 68 since their construction in the late-19th and the early 20th centuries.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state MD zip code _____

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The survey group, located in Newburg, consists of seven buildings that were constructed between the last quarter of the 19th century and the middle of the 20th century. Most of the buildings lie along Rock Point Road, near its intersection with Crain Highway. Some of the buildings face Crain Highway, and others are situated on Mount Victoria Road, near Rock Point Road. The road winds through this small crossroads town and the buildings are comprised of both residential and commercial properties. The dwellings are set on large, sloping grassy lots with mature trees and shrubs. The commercial buildings are oriented to the roads, and lie close to the asphalt surfaces. Of the three houses reviewed in the survey group, two represent vernacular interpretations the Queen Anne style, while the third I-house has been significantly altered. The remaining four buildings are commercial and three can be loosely associated with the Colonial Revival style.

The Queen Anne style houses in the survey area are two-and-a-half stories in height and three bays in width. The most defining Queen Anne feature of the houses are the front porches. The half-hipped porches are supported by turned wood posts and one has decorative, scroll-cut brackets. Typical of Queen Anne style houses, one features a three-sided window bay, and retains its wood German siding and 2/2 wood windows. The other house has been reclad and the windows have been replaced with 1/1 aluminum sash. The third house is an I-house that has been significantly altered. Originally, it appears to have been a center gable house with a half-hipped porch. These features remain, but are somewhat overshadowed by the one-story side addition, aluminum siding, and 6/1 replacement windows.

The commercial buildings are all rather different in form and style. Three of these buildings, due to their massing and rooflines, can be categorized as Colonial Revival. Most similar in design are the Newburg Truck Parts store and Dan's Store. They both feature brick stretcher bond construction and front gable, asphalt shingle roofs with stepped parapets. The auto parts store has been significantly altered with a large, wrap-around hipped roof addition on the second story and a one-story rear addition.

Dan's Store has also been altered, albeit not as dramatically. The one-story side addition currently houses the Newburg Post Office. Hardesty's Restaurant and Liquor Store is a two-story,

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three-bay wood frame building. The building features paired one-light replacement windows, a side gable roof, two shed dormers, and aluminum siding. The one-story side addition houses the liquor store. It has a side gable roof and a carport that serves as a drive-thru.

The fourth commercial building is a two-story, wood frame vernacular building that is currently vacant. The building retains its wood German siding, 2/2 wood windows, and standing seam metal, gable roof. On each side of the building, there is a one-story, addition. One addition features wood German siding and a flat roof with a parapet, while the other is constructed of concrete block and has a shed roof.

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Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns in southern Maryland grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. After a period of relatively slow growth during the last three decades of the 19th century, the population of Charles County began rising steadily during the early 20th century.

The three houses in the district are examples of the I-house and vernacular derivatives of the Queen Anne style. A prevalent 19th-century vernacular house type across the mid-Atlantic region, the I-house was one room deep, two stories in height, and three or five bays wide, with a central entry. I-houses usually had a porch on the front elevation and a kitchen wing in the rear, due to the narrowness of the main core. On the interior, a central passage separated the two rooms on the first floor, while the second floor contained either two or four bedchambers. During the mid- and late-19th century, pre-cut ornamental detailing was commonly added to the traditional I-house. The I-house at 10360 Mount Victoria Road also features a center gable which was a common feature on I-houses at the end of the 19th century.

Between 1880 and 1890, the Queen Anne style became the most popular architectural idiom in the United States. This style relied on a contrast of construction materials, varied ornament, and irregular roof shapes. Forms derived from this style included the front-gabled, 3-sided projecting bay, and the wrap-around porch, as seen on the house at 12155 Rock Point Road.

The commercial buildings display vernacular forms that were common during the late-19th and early-20th centuries. The vacant store at 12165 Rock Point Road is similar to many cross-road stores that were built in rural areas. Cross-road general stores were commonly

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frame structures sheathed in clapboards, which served as a place where farmers could purchase groceries, feed supplies and hardware. Many contained a second story where the proprietor resided. They were usually simple, unadorned buildings with a front-gable orientation. These establishments were in many ways the focal point of rural communities. They served as the post office, the community social center, and a place to exchange news well into the 20th century. The other stores at 12165 Rock Point Road and on the 12190 block of Crain Highway feature stepped front-gable parapets, a common vernacular adornment for small-scale commercial buildings during this period. Decorative features on this type of building were generally few, predominantly limited to a transom over the door and decorative signs over the entrance or in front of the store. Many vernacular commercial buildings during the late-19th and early-20th centuries were adaptations of simple dwelling and outbuilding forms, or outright conversions of single dwellings themselves, as illustrated by the restaurant at 12190 Crain Highway.

National Register Eligibility:

The Newburg Crossroads Survey District is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the buildings and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the buildings provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, they are neither unusual nor distinguished; they do not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the properties are likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the survey district is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: [Signature]

Date: 11/3/99

Reviewer, NR Program: _____

Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
COMMERCE/TRADE/Restaurant
COMMERCE/TRADE/Department Store

Known Design Source: Unknown

11165 CRAIN HIGHWAY
CH-568

12395 EDGE HILL ROAD
CH-570

680 EDGE HILL ROAD
CH-~~569~~ 737

'ope's Creek USGS Quad





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NEWBRIA CROSSROADS SURVEY DISTRICT

12190 CRAIN HIGHWAY

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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west elevation

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NEWBURN CROSSROADS SURVEY DISTRICT

12095 CRAIN HIGHWAY

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

southwest corner

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CH:571

NEWBURN CROSSROADS SURVEY GROUP

12155 ROCK POINT ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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MD SHPO

east corner

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NEWBURG CROSSROADS SURVEY DISTRICT

12165 ROCK POINT ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

north corner

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NEWBURGH CROSSROADS SURVEY DISTRICT

12165 ROCK POINT ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

north corner

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NEWBURG CROSSROADS SURVEY DISTRICT

12190 ROCK POINT ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

west corner

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NEWBURA CROSSROADS SURVEY DISTRICT

10360 MOUNT VICTORIA ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

southwest corner

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view to the west

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June 1999

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view to the west

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June 1999

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view to the south

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